

When little Claude was naughty once,  
At luncheon time, and said  
He'd not say "Thank you" to mamma,  
She made him go to bed,  
And cover up and stay two hours;  
So when the clock struck two,  
Then Claude said, "Thank you, Mr. Clock,  
I'm much obliged to you!"  
—James Whitcomb Riley in St. Nicholas.

**Future of the Engine.**  
The present efficiency of the best non-condensing engines is probably not greater than at the rate of two and a half pounds of coal an hour a horse power, and of a good condensing engine about two pounds of coal an hour a horse power, or not materially different from James Watt's engines of fifty years ago.

ago. It is my opinion that with our present knowledge of machinery a steam engine can be built that will produce a horse power with three-quarters of a pound of coal an hour, if of sufficient size to reduce the percentage of loss by radiation to a minimum. Under those circumstances your fuel expenses would be less than one-third of what it now is.

The future before men of your profession is brilliant indeed. The uses of electricity are now only beginning, and in a short time it will be the docile companion of man's labors, where now it is dreaded as the treacherous slave. Study the laws of nature, which are the thoughts of God, and do not attempt to rebel against them. We cannot create new laws nor produce force.—E. N. Dickerson to New York Electric Club.

Detectives are oftener over than under-rated. The detective business is like any other calling. It requires application and constant practice. A detective is not so much keenness as bull dog tenacity that goes far toward making the successful detective. The day has long since passed when the detective was an all-seeing eye, from whom it is impossible for the culprit to escape. The fact is that the detective is now a man of crime, nowadays, rarely goes unpunished owing in a great measure to the system employed in tracing criminals and the fact that the law authorities are all over the country, or one half of the world. Crime generally leaves its stain somewhere, and give any man a few days to chew and he will, in the majority of cases, find out where the stain is. There is nothing to start on it is different. But the chief requisite is industry and untiring effort to locate. Genius can be taught, but industry and untiring effort cannot. — St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Many devices are suggested by plumbers for guarding against the danger of house traps being emptied by evaporation or siphonage while the houses are empty. Some recommend the closing of the escape of noxious gases into the dwelling. Some go as far as to say that there is no safety short of disconnecting the fixtures and securely closing the ends of the pipes. Others recommend the use of traps in the closets and closets and traps with oil or glycerine, while still others favor an adjustment of the valves so that there will be a continual dripping of water. One of the most sensible suggestions we have seen is that where a house is to remain closed for some time the best plan is to arrange for some one to go into the house once a week or so, let the water circulate throughout the house, and take a look around to see that all is right.—Boston Budget.

Among a multitude of sage utterances of the Bible, this one deserves constant attention: "I say to every man that is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think." It is wonderful what a mighty agent self is, estimated by its own standard. It is the hero of every exploit, the center of every event, the oracle of all opinions. It interprets the purpose of the universe. We are reminded of the two resolutions the settlers in New England are said to have passed when they banded: "Resolved, first, that God gave us hearts like the saints. Resolved, secondly, that we are the saints;" and they kicked out the Indians.

The chances are as a hundred to one that you are not half as great nor nearly as important as you think you are. Then reduce yourself to your proper dimensions. Don't leave that for others to do.—Clergyman in St. Louis Republic.

An Alabama man, charged with stealing a calf, made the following statement: "I was always taught to be honest, and most always have been, but when I see that calf I caved. I never wanted a calf so bad in all my life, and you all know that when a man wants a calf he wants him." The jury returned the following verdict: "We, this jury, are satisfied that Steve stole that calf, but, as the feller that owned the animal is considerable of a souch, we agree to clear Steve and make the owner pay the costs."—San Francisco Argonaut.

The Russian government proposes to build the longest railroad in the world. It will extend from St. Petersburg to the Pacific ocean, a distance of 7,000 miles. About one-fourth of the line has already been constructed. It has been suggested that a road be built up the Alaska coast to meet it, and that Behring straits be bridged by means of the many islands it contains. Stranger things have happened, and we may yet go from New York to Paris by rail.—Leadville Democrat.

Readers of The Chicago Journal are puzzling their head over this problem: A sells B a horse for \$80, and afterward buys it back for \$70, and then sells it to C for \$100. How much does A make by the two sales? The original cost of the horse does not enter into the proposition.

A community in Nebraska opposed to lynching recently, to teach a lesson, gave a desperado what might be termed an introduction to Judge Lynch. They put a rope around his neck and pulled him into the air a few times. Then he was told to go and never return. He went.

Warnings have been issued that Raphael's "Entombment of Christ" in the church of St. Peter's, in Perugia, has been stolen.

The grave of William Penn is reported to be in a sadly neglected condition, only a flimsy slab of stone stuck in the ground marking it.

FOR SALE—Winter Milch Cow, with Calf.  
Price \$30. A. C. LINDSAY.

Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration, upon the estate of Henry Ahrens, late of Iron county, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, by the Judge of the Probate Court of Iron County, Mo., bearing date the 8th day of July, 1889.

All persons having claims against said Estate, are required to exhibit them for allowance to me within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such claims; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they shall be forever barred.

VALENTINE EFFINGER,  
Administrator.

© 2006 The Authors  
Journal compilation © 2006 Blackwell Publishing Ltd